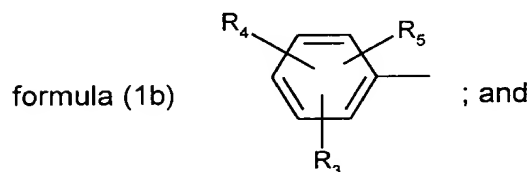
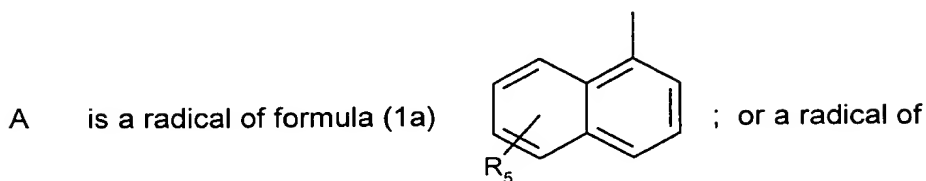
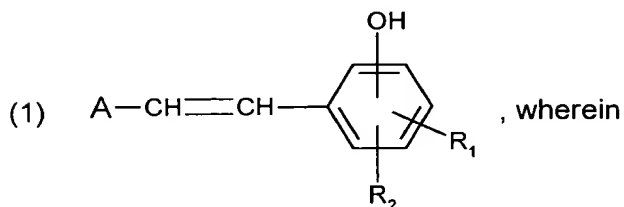


Abstract of the Disclosure

The use of hydroxystilbene compounds of formula



R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 and R_5 are each independently of the others hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, C_1 - C_{16} alkyl, C_1 - C_{16} alkoxy, phenyl; C_1 - C_3 phenylalkyl; C_6 - C_{10} aryloxy, amino, mono- C_1 - C_5 alkylamino, di- C_1 - C_5 alkylamino, or $-NO_2$; as microbicidal active ingredients is described.

The compounds exhibit a pronounced action against pathogenic gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, and also against yeasts and moulds. They are therefore suitable for the antimicrobial treatment, especially the preservation and disinfection, of surfaces.